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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kotaro SHIMA

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PCT/JP2005/016869

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**